

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 USBERL 02085 151703Z

73

ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CAB-02 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00

DOTE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 FAA-00 PM-04 H-02 L-03 NSC-05

PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 SAJ-01 ACDA-05 /074 W

----- 114268

R 151635Z OCT 75

FM USMISSION USBERLIN

TO AMEMBASSY BONN

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

SECSTATE WASHDC 1552

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE USBERLIN 2085

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, WB, GE, US, UK

SUBJECT: SENAT DISSATISFACTION WITH PUNCTUALITY OF BA FLIGHTS

1. AT LUNCH ON OCT 14, SENATOR STOBBE TOLD MINISTERS (AND NOW UK AMB WRIGHT) THAT SENAT WAS ASKING BARTACC (SIC, WE ASSUME HE MEANS BCATAG) TO LOOK INTO SPECIAL PROBLEM OF DELAYED ARRIVALS OF ALLIED FLIGHTS INTO BERLIN. WITHOUT MUCH URGING, HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THIS IS MAINLY PROBLEM WITH BRITISH AIRWAYS. SENAT HAD IMPRESSION THAT ROUTE DIVISION WAS ECONOMICALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO PAN AM AND BA, BUT FEARED THAT BA WAS STRETCHING ITSELF TOO THIN BY (A) TAKING ON TOO MANY CITIES (READ ALSO UK CITIES) AND (B) NOT HAVING LARGE ENOUGH PARK OF RESERVE AIRCRAFT.

2. SENAT REQUESTS MATTER BE URGENTLY ADDRESSED BY ALLIES BEFORE NEXT SCHEDULE CHANGES ARE APPROVED ON NOV 1.

3. BRITISH MINISTER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SENAT REQUEST WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY EXACT DATA ILLUSTRATING

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 USBERL 02085 151703Z

THEIR POINTS. STOBBE PROMISED THIS.

4. COMMENT: STOBBE DOES APPARENTLY HAVE VALID POINT REGARDING COMPARATIVE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT WHICH PAN AM AND BA HAVE IN SERVICE IN RELATION TO NUMBER OF DAILY FLIGHTS BY EACH CARRIER. PAN AM HAS ABOUT ONE-THIRD MORE FLIGHTS THAN BA ON TYPICAL WORKDAY (36 VERSUS 27), BUT HAS ALMOST TWICE AS MANY AIRCRAFT. PAN AM HAS TOTAL OF THIRTEEN 727'S ENGAGED IN IGS: 11 OVERNIGHT IN BERLIN: ONE OVERNIGHTS IN HAMBURG; AND ONE OVERNIGHTS IN FRANKFURT. BA HAS TOTAL OF SEVEN AIRCRAFT ENGAGED IN IGS: FIVE OVERNIGHT IN BERLIN AND TWO OVERNIGHT IN FRG; BUT THESE SEVEN ARE ROTATED AMONG VARIOUS ROUTES OUTSIDE GERMANY AND DO NOT EXCLUSIVELY SERVE BERLIN. ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL THAT PAN AM HAS KEPT RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT IN BERLIN SINCE IT CLOSED ITS CARIBBEAN SERVICE BECAUSE PAN AM FINDS IT LESS EXPENSIVE TO AFFECT LIMITED UTILIZATION OF LARGER NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT RATHER THAN PUT SOME IN MOTHBALLS.DAVIS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CIVIL AVIATION, AIR TRAFFIC, AIR SCHEDULES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 OCT 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975USBERL02085
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750357-1127
From: USBERLIN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751053/aaaabvof.tel
Line Count: 79
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <28 MAY 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <06 OCT 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SENAT DISSATISFACTION WITH PUNCTUALITY OF BA FLIGHTS
TAGS: EAIR, WB, GC, US, UK
To: BONN
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006